

Anna M Adams, Hazelgreen, Hull Ford, Davis Ford, Drynob, and Long Ford Accesses

Ten Year Area Management Plan
FY 2013 - 2022



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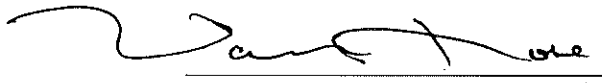
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OVERVIEW

Area Name	Area Number	Date Acquired	Acreage	County	Administrative Responsibility	Maintenance Responsibility
Anna M. Adams Access	9516	10/15/1994	17	Laclede	Forestry	Forestry
Hazelgreen Access	6813	Agreement with MODOT beginning 5/14/1969	1	Laclede	Forestry	Forestry
Hull Ford Access	8105	11/5/1980	10	Laclede	Forestry	Forestry
Davis Ford Access	8813	9/25/1987	24	Laclede	Forestry	Forestry
Drynob Access	7728	9/19/1977	17	Laclede	Forestry	Forestry
Long Ford Access	200405	10/9/2003	31	Laclede	Forestry	Forestry

Statements of Purpose:

A. Strategic Direction

These areas are managed to provide public fishing access to the Gasconade River and Osage Fork of the Gasconade River for both boat and bank anglers.

B. Desired Future Condition

The desired future condition of these accesses is to provide both boat and bank access while maintaining appropriate riparian corridors along the Gasconade River and Osage Fork of the Gasconade River.

C. Federal Aid Statement

N/A

GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

I. Special Considerations

Area	Priority Area	Natural Area	Other
Anna M Adams	Priority Forest Landscape; The Nature Conservancy Priority Stream Reach	No	
Hazelgreen	Fuson/Smittle Terrestrial Conservation Opportunity Area (COA) ; The Nature Conservancy Priority Stream Reach	No	Endangered Species Priority Stream Reach

Hull Ford	Fuson/Smittle Terrestrial COA; The Nature Conservancy Priority Stream Reach	No	Special Management Area – Smallmouth Bass and Rock Bass
Davis Ford	Fuson/Smittle Terrestrial COA; The Nature Conservancy Priority Stream Reach	No	Special Management Area – Smallmouth Bass and Rock Bass
Drynob	Fuson/Smittle Terrestrial COA; The Nature Conservancy Priority Stream Reach	No	Special Management Area – Smallmouth Bass and Rock Bass
Long Ford	Fuson/Smittle Terrestrial COA; The Nature Conservancy Priority Stream Reach	No	Special Management Area – Smallmouth Bass and Rock Bass

II. Important Natural Features and Resources

Area	Species of Conservation Concern	Caves	Springs
Anna M Adams	Yes *	N/A	N/A
Hazelgreen	Yes *	N/A	N/A
Hull Ford	Yes *	N/A	N/A
Davis Ford	Yes *	N/A	N/A
Drynob	Yes *	N/A	N/A
Long Ford	Yes *	N/A	N/A

* Species of conservation concern are known from this or the surrounding area. Area Managers should consult the Natural Heritage Database annually and review all management activities with the Natural History Biologist.

III. Existing Infrastructure

Area	Concrete ramp	Gravel bar access	Privy	Parking areas	Camping sites
Anna M Adams	1	No	No	1	No
Hazelgreen	1	No	No	1	No
Hull Ford	No	1	No	1	No
Davis Ford	1	No	No	1	No
Drynob	1	No	No	1	No
Long Ford	No	1	No	1	No

IV. Area Restrictions or Limitations

Area	Deed Restrictions	Easements	Federal Interest	Cultural Resources	Hazards	Endangered Species	Boundary Issues
Anna M Adams	None	No	Yes ³	N/A	N/A	Yes ⁵	Yes
Hazelgreen	Owned by MODOT	Yes ¹	Yes ⁴	N/A	N/A	None observed	N/A
Hull Ford	None	No	Yes ⁴	N/A	N/A	None observed	N/A
Davis Ford	None	Yes ²	Yes ⁴	N/A	N/A	Yes ⁵	N/A
Drynob	None	No	Yes ⁴	N/A	N/A	Yes ⁵	N/A
Long Ford	None	Yes ²	Yes ⁴	N/A	N/A	None observed	N/A

¹Hazelgreen Access is managed under a long term agreement with Missouri Department of Transportation on MoDOT Right-of-Way

²Laclede Electric Coop

³Federal funds (Sport Fish Restoration) were used in the development of this area, or a portion thereof. The Department must maintain the developed project throughout its useful life. Federal funds may also be used in the management of this land. Fish and wildlife agencies may not allow recreational activities and related facilities that would interfere with the purpose for which the State is managing the land. Other uses may be acceptable and must be assessed in each specific situation.

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MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

V. Terrestrial Resource Management Considerations

Management centers on providing bank and boat access to the Gasconade River and Osage Fork of the Gasconade River and preventing activities from compromising stream bank integrity. There are few wildlife or forestry resources on these small areas. Area maintenance is provided by staff within Forestry Division.

Challenges and Opportunities

- 1) Maintain adequate riparian corridors.
- 2) Prevent soil erosion.
- 3) Control invasive and exotic species.

Management Objective 1: Maintain riparian corridors as specified in the Department's Watershed and Stream Management Guidelines (2009).

Strategy 1: Allow natural vegetative processes to continue.

Strategy 2: Replace dead trees as needed to maintain riparian cover.

Strategy 3: Control access by restricting vehicles to parking lots and boat ramp or boat launching area only.

Management Objective 2: Prevent soil erosion due to infrastructure.

Strategy 1: Ensure roads and road-side drainages are managed to reduce runoff, sedimentation and erosion.

Management Objective 3: Control invasive and exotic species.

Strategy 1: Periodically monitor area for invasive and exotic species and use appropriate strategies for management.

VI. Aquatic Resource Management Considerations

Challenges and Opportunities

- 1) Prevent excessive stream bank erosion.

Management Objective 1: Ensure that infrastructure does not increase bank erosion.

Strategy 1: Boat ramps and primitive launch areas will be installed and maintained to have a low profile on the bank to prevent back eddies and scouring currents.

VII. Public Use Management Considerations

Challenges and Opportunities

- 1) Providing public access along the Gasconade River and Osage Fork of the Gasconade River.
- 2) Inform the public of the opportunities available at these areas.
- 3) Maintaining areas in a desirable condition.

Management Objective 1: Maintain suitable public access at each area.

Strategy 1: Ensure existing infrastructure is maintained to MDC standards.

Management Objective 2: Continue to inform the public of the opportunities at these areas.

Strategy 1: Maintain signage at the accesses in accordance with MDC policy.

Strategy 2: Work with local media specialist to highlight underutilized resources.

Strategy 3: Maintain up to date information of all Gasconade River and Osage Fork of the Gasconade River accesses on MDC web page.

VIII. Administrative Considerations

Challenges and Opportunities

- 1) Ensuring all easements are properly documented and filed.
- 2) Evaluate land offered as additions to these areas.

Management Objective 1: Make sure all easements are properly filed with County Recorder.

Strategy 1: Use GIS to ensure easements are properly located.

Management Objective 2: Expand these areas only if unique conditions occur.

Strategy 1: Evaluate any property offered to MDC to ensure it will help promote and enhance the purpose of the area or help protect sensitive habitat.

Strategy 2: Expansion of these areas should be considered only after review of impacts to work loads and whether area can be maintained using current staffing level.

MANAGEMENT TIME TABLE

Strategies are considered ongoing unless listed in the following table:

	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22
Administrative Considerations										
Objective 1										
Strategy 1		X								

APPENDICES

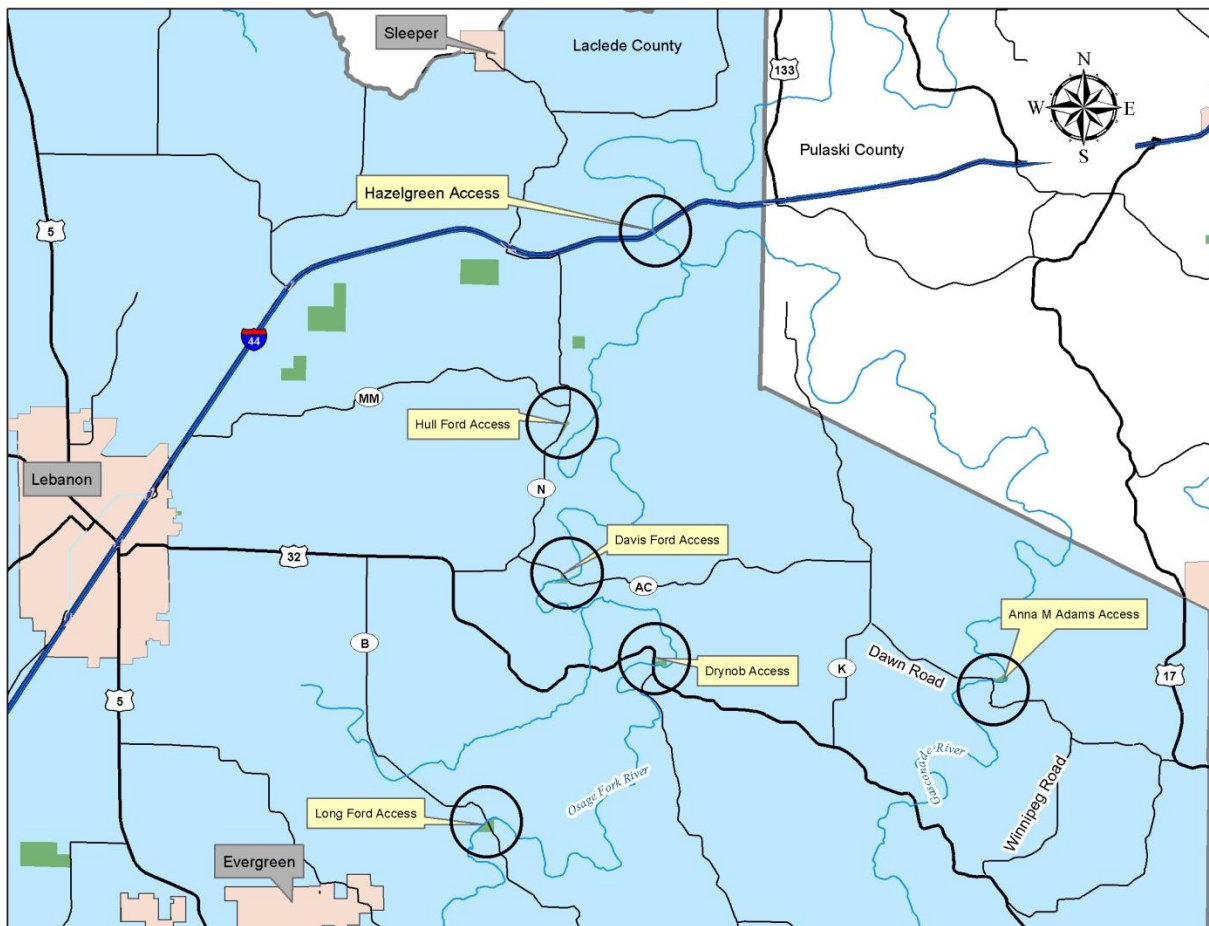
Public Input Summary:

The draft Anna M. Adams, Hazelgreen, Hull Ford, Davis Ford, Drynob, and Long Ford Accesses Area Management Plan was available for a public comment period October 1 - October 31, 2013. The Missouri Department of Conservation received no comments during this time period.

References:

Missouri Department of Conservation. (April 2009), *Watershed and Stream Management Guidelines for Lands and Waters Managed by Missouri Department of Conservation*, (32 pages)

Appendix 1. Laclede County river access on the Gasconade and Osage Fork River.



Appendix 2. Anna M. Adams Access Area Background

Anna M. Adams Access was donated to the Department of Conservation for use as a river access in 1994, and has provided significant public use since that time. Bank anglers also have a small length of bank that provides access to some rocky areas and root wads that hold game fish throughout the year. The area includes a small amount of bottomland timber. Small boat access is provided by a concrete boat ramp and parking lot adjacent to the Dawn Road Bridge.

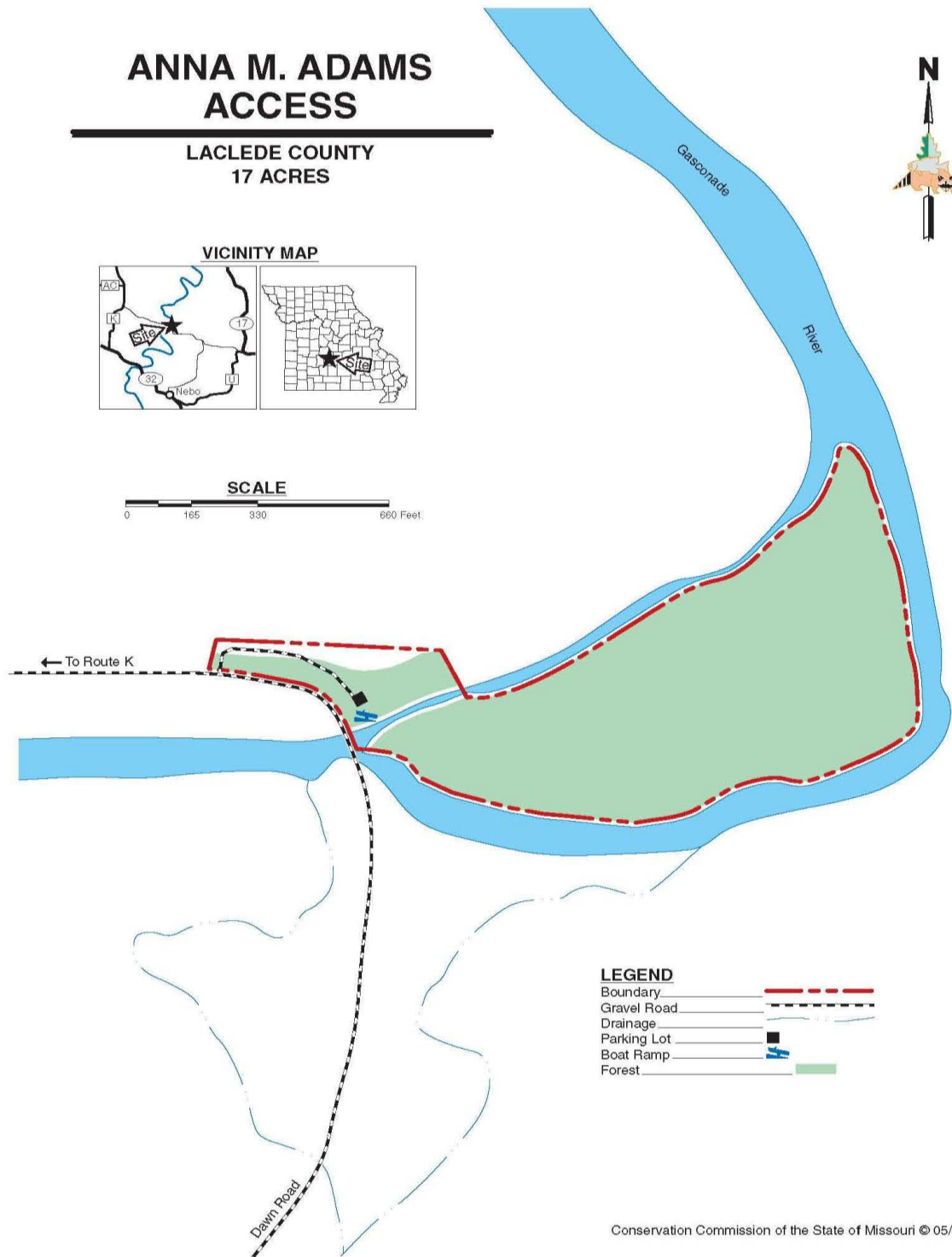
Legal Description: Township 34 North, Range 13 West, Section 26.

Area Location: Eighteen miles east of Lebanon on Highway 32, then three miles north on Route K, and three miles east on Dawn Road to the Gasconade River. Anna M. Adams Access lies 23.8 river miles upstream of Hazelgreen Access.

Current Land and Water Types:

Anna M. Adams Land/Water Type	Acres	Miles	% of Area
Bottomland Forest	14		82
Open Land	3		18
Total	17		100%
Stream Frontage (1 st order and above)		0.29	

Appendix 3. Map of Anna M Adams Access.



Appendix 4. Hazelgreen Access Area Background

Hazelgreen Access was established through an agreement with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) in 1969 which allowed development of the access on MoDOT right-of-way between the old Route 66 Bridge and the Interstate 44 Bridge. The area has a concrete boat ramp where launching of small boats and canoes is possible. It lies on the Gasconade River less than a mile downstream of the mouth of the Osage Fork of the Gasconade River.

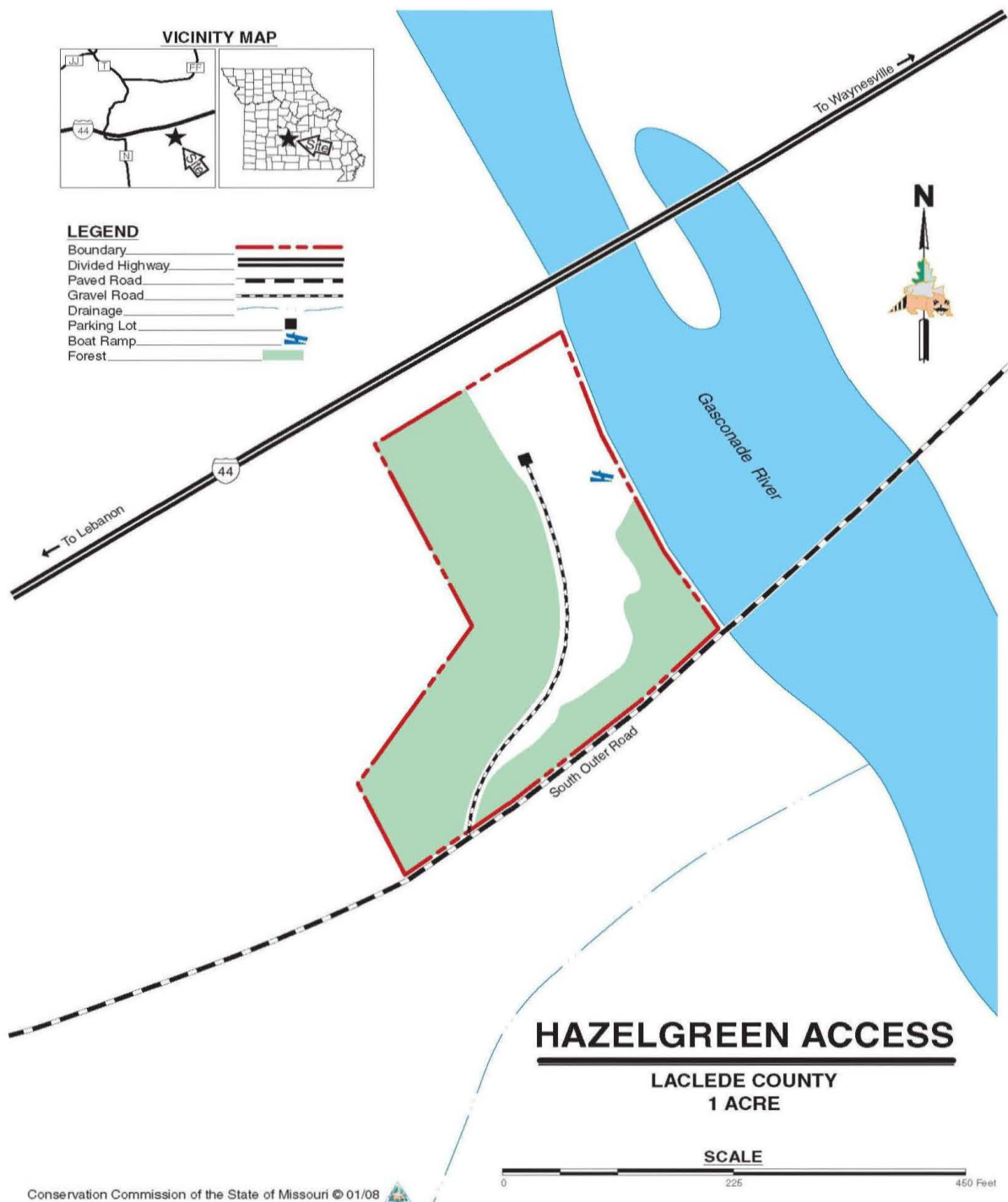
Legal Description: Township 35 North, Range 14 West, Section 15.

Area Location: Hazelgreen Access is 13 miles east of Lebanon on I-44, then east on Route N (exit 140) and two miles east on South Outer Road. Hazelgreen Access lies 23.8 river miles downstream of Anna M. Adams Access on the Gasconade River or 5.3 river miles downstream of Hull Ford Access on the Osage Fork of the Gasconade River.

Current Land and Water Types:

Hazelgreen Access Land/Water Type	Acres	Miles	% of Area
Miscellaneous	1		100
Stream Frontage (1 st order and above)		0.05	

Appendix 5. Map of Hazelgreen Access



Appendix 6. Hull Ford Access Area Background

Hull Ford Access was purchased from willing sellers in 1980. It lies between Route N and the Osage Fork of the Gasconade River at the mouth of Mill Creek. Bank anglers also have a small length of bank that provides access to some rocky areas and root wads that hold game fish throughout the year. Small boat and canoe access is possible on the primitive access below the parking area, however no developed launching area is provided.

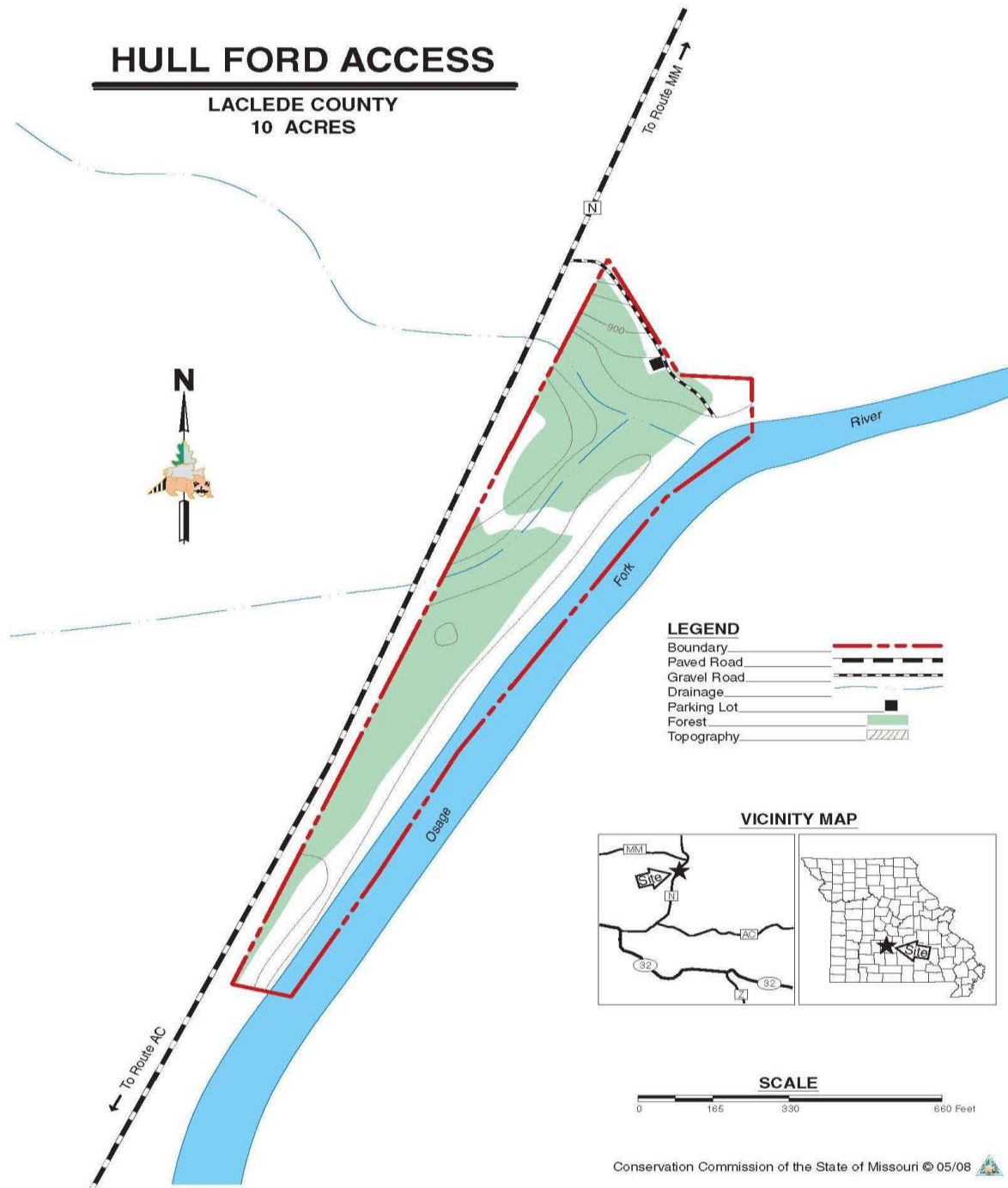
Legal Description: Township 34 North, Range 14 West, Section 5.

Area Location: Hull Ford Access is six miles east of Lebanon on Highway 32, then four miles north on Route N. Hull Ford Access lies 5.3 river miles upstream of Hazelgreen Access and 8.7 miles downstream of Davis Ford Access.

Current Land and Water Types:

Hull Ford Access Land/Water Type	Acres	Miles	% of Area
Bottomland Hardwoods	10		100
Stream Frontage (1 st order and above)		0.33	

Appendix 7. Map of Hull Ford Access



Appendix 8. Davis Ford Access Area Background

Davis Ford Access was purchased from willing sellers in 1987. It lies just upstream from the Route AC Bridge on the Osage Fork of the Gasconade River. Bank anglers also have a small length of bank that provides access to some rocky areas and root wads that hold game fish throughout the year. The area includes a small amount of bottomland timber and small river bluffs. Small boat access is provided by a concrete boat ramp and parking lot adjacent to the Route AC Bridge.

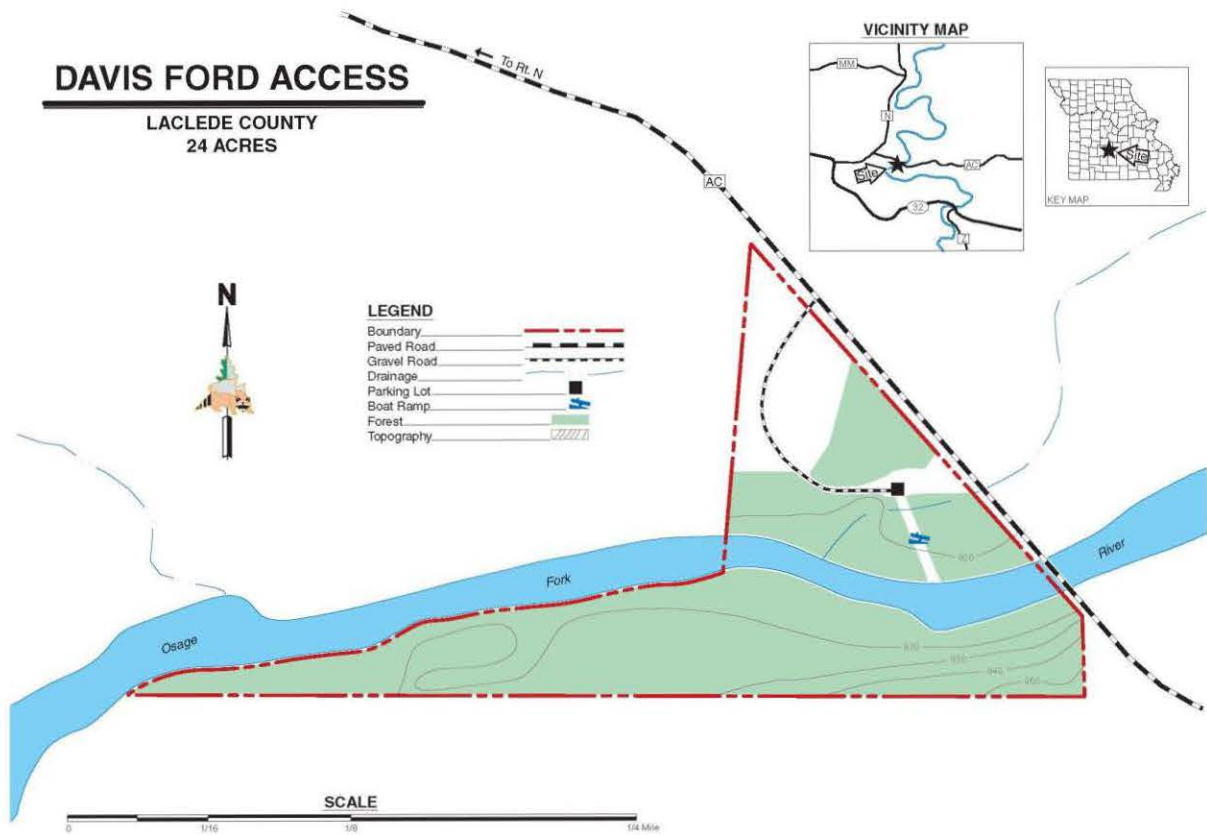
Legal Description: Township 34 North, Range 14 West, Section 17.

Area Location: Davis Ford Access is six miles east of Lebanon on Highway 32, 1.5 miles north on Route N, and 1.5 miles down Route AC. Davis Ford Access lies 8.7 river miles upstream of Hull Ford Access and 4.9 miles downstream of Drynob Access.

Current Land and Water Types:

Davis Ford Access Land/Water Type	Acres	Miles	% of Area
Bottomland Hardwoods	24		100
Stream Frontage (1 st order and above)		0.43	

Appendix 9. Map of Davis Ford Access.



Appendix 10. Drynob Access Area Background

Drynob Access was purchased from willing sellers in 1977. It lies just downstream from the Highway 32 Bridge on the Osage Fork of the Gasconade River. Bank anglers have a small length of bank that provides access to some rocky areas and root wads that hold game fish throughout the year. The area includes a small amount of bottomland timber. Small boat access is provided by a concrete boat ramp and parking lot adjacent to the Highway 32 Bridge.

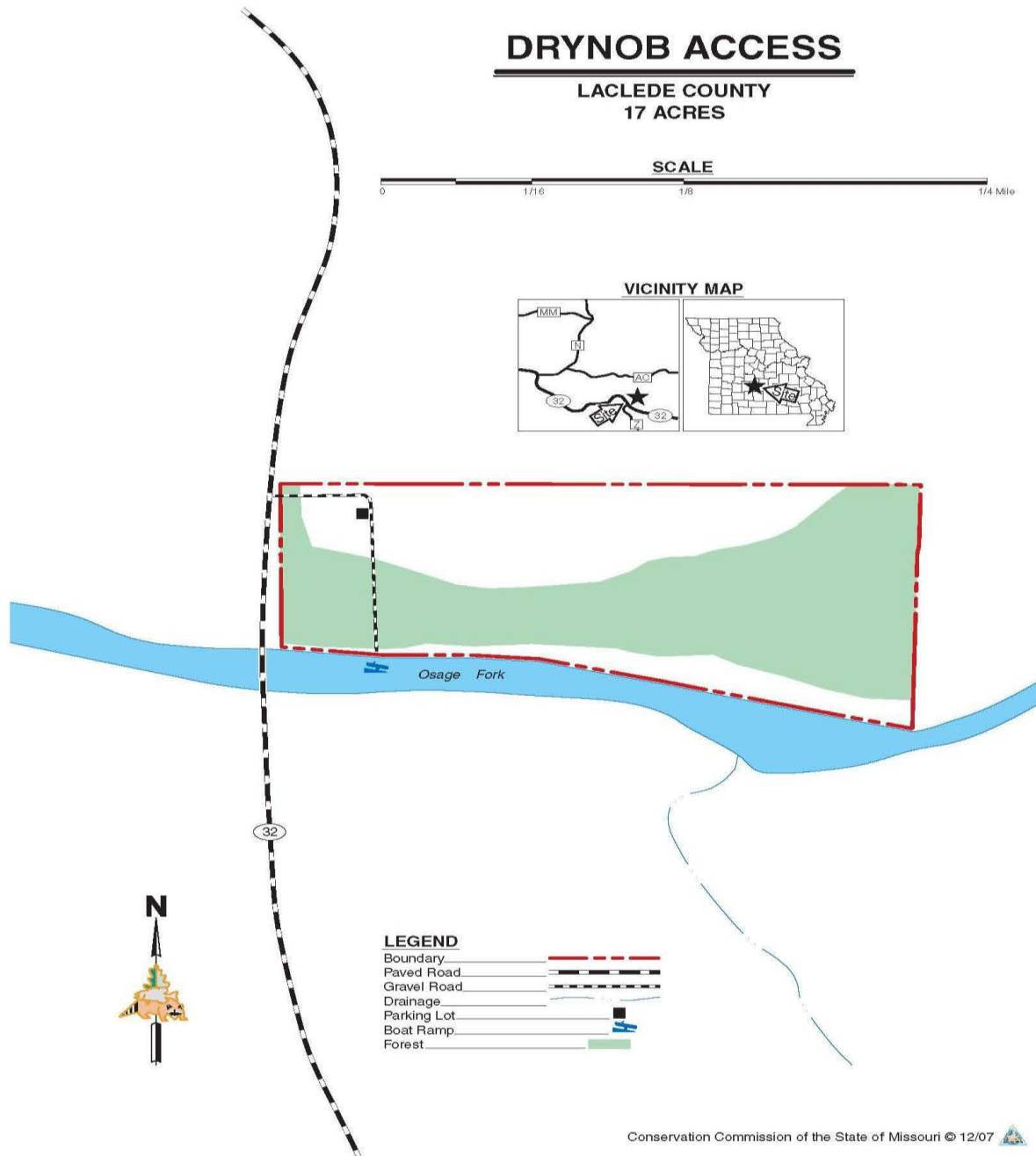
Legal Description: Township 34 North, Range 14 West, Section 27.

Area Location: Drynob Access is located fifteen miles east of Lebanon on Highway 32. It lies 4.9 river miles upstream of Davis Ford Access and 10.2 river miles downstream of Long Ford Access.

Current Land and Water Types:

Drynob Access Land/ Water Type	Acres	Miles	% of Area
Bottomland Hardwood	17		100
Stream Frontage (1 st order and above)		0.25	

Appendix 11. Map of Drynob Access.



Appendix 12. Long Ford Access Area Background

Long Ford Access was purchased from willing sellers in 2003. It lies adjacent to the Route B Bridge on the Osage Fork of the Gasconade River. Bank anglers have a small length of bank that provides access to some rocky areas and root wads that hold game fish throughout the year. The area includes a small amount of bottomland timber. Open areas have been planted to trees or have been allowed to naturally regenerate with native bottomland trees to provide bank stabilization and to slow flood waters the flow through the area and encourage deposition of silt and enhance water quality of the river. Small boat and canoe access is provided by a primitive boat launch and parking lot adjacent to the Route B Bridge.

Legal Description: Township 33 North, Range 14 West, Section 7.

Area Location: Long Ford Access is located from Lebanon take Highway 32 east five miles, then turn south on Route B for 6.8 miles to access on downstream side of Osage Fork of the Gasconade River Bridge. It lies 10.2 river miles upstream of Drynob Access and 28.7 miles downstream of Rader Access.

Current Land and Water Types:

Long Ford Access Land/Water Type	Acres	Miles	% of Area
Bottomland Hardwoods	15		48
Old Field and Forest Regeneration	16		52
Total	31		100%
Stream Frontage (1 st order and above)		0.6	

Appendix 13. Map of Long Ford Access.

